



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, women have served honorably in the military forces throughout this Nation's History; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 1.2 million women veterans, and many women now serving in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the significant roles women have played, and continue to play, in the armed forces has been lacking, it is time to correct this oversight; and

WHEREAS, many women, including 5,400 women from Idaho, were called upon to serve in both peacetime and wartime and performed in an honorable manner, even to the point of giving their lives to help defend and protect the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting we acknowledge the great service and dedication given by these women in our military service by setting aside a special time of recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2002, to be

VETERANS DAY

in Idaho, and I call upon our citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies in honor of our women veterans who have served this country so willingly to preserve the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to fly the flag; and to visit all of our veterans; especially those who are hospitalized, and let them know we appreciate their great sacrifice.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE